





SKILLS TESTING	SAFETY COURSES	BASIC RIDER COURSE (BRC)	RETURNING RIDER-BASIC RIDER COURSE (RR-BRC)	THE SKILLS	PROTECTIVE GEAR
<p>Once riders are issued a Temporary Instruction Permit and are comfortable with their skills, they can contact a third-party testing agency to schedule a skills test. The test must be completed on a safe, properly registered, equipped, and maintained motorcycle.</p> <p>Upon passing, a completion certificate will be issued, allowing the rider to receive their endorsement. Visit Michigan.gov/motorcycletest for more information.</p>	<p>Successful completion of a Basic Rider Course or Returning Rider-Basic Rider Course allows a rider to waive the skills test requirement. Courses are offered throughout the state for novice and experienced riders.</p> <p>Some insurers offer discounts on motorcycle insurance premiums for riders who complete these courses. Visit Michigan.gov/motorcycling to locate a training site.</p> 	<p>Operating a motorcycle safely requires a combination of skill, experience, judgment, and control. The BRC teaches the fundamentals of motorcycle riding, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to start and stop a motorcycle and operate motorcycle controls.</i> • <i>What to wear to be safe on the road.</i> • <i>Strategies to avoid trouble and stay safe.</i> • <i>How to maneuver in tough situations.</i> 	<p>The RR-BRC is for people with motorcycle riding experience.</p> <p>Riders will practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Low speed maneuvers.</i> • <i>How to increase visibility and optimize lane position.</i> • <i>Swerving and maximum braking technique.</i> • <i>Negotiating curves and avoiding obstacles.</i> 	<p>There are three basic but important skills that can help make a ride a safer experience.</p> <p>Negotiating Curves: Riders should slow down before a curve, look where they want to go, press the handlebar in the same direction as the curve, and roll on the throttle during the turn.</p> <p>Turning: Connect the dots—look to the end of the turn and the motorcycle will follow.</p> <p>Proper Braking: About seventy percent of a motorcycle's stopping power is in the front brake. Squeezing the front brake and pressing down on the rear brake will allow a rider to make smooth, controlled stops.</p>	<p>The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recommends riders dress for safety by wearing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A quality helmet and eye protection.</i> • <i>Brightly colored clothing and a light-colored helmet.</i> • <i>Leather or other thick, protective clothing.</i> • <i>Long sleeves, pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.</i> <p>Helmets are 37 percent effective in preventing fatal injuries to riders and 41 percent for passengers (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).</p>



Motorcycle riders are encouraged to take a certified motorcycle safety training course. Motorcyclists under 18 years of age with a Michigan driver's license are required to take a motorcycle safety course as well as anyone who fails the rider skills test twice.

A valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement (CY) is required to legally ride a motorcycle on Michigan roadways. There are two methods for obtaining an endorsement.

METHOD 1

1. **Successfully complete a certified motorcycle safety course.** Visit Michigan.gov/motorcycling to locate a training site.
2. **Present a motorcycle safety course completion certificate** at a Secretary of State office, **apply for the CY endorsement, and pass vision and written knowledge tests.**

METHOD 2

1. **Pass vision and written knowledge tests** at a Secretary of State office and **receive a Temporary Instruction Permit** that allows practice riding while under the supervision of an endorsed rider.
2. **Pass a skills test through a third-party testing agency.**
3. **Present a skills test certificate** at a Secretary of State office and **apply for the CY endorsement.**



For more information on motorcycle safety, including skills testing locations and certified training programs, contact the Department of State at (888) SOS-MICH (767-6424) or visit Michigan.gov/motorcycling



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